

**CLAIMS:**

1. A method of preparing a consumable beverage which includes a natural dairy beverage additive in powder soluble form, comprising the steps of:

agglomerating liquid natural milk into a natural dairy beverage additive powder;

5 placing the powder into a device which vends beverages; and

vending the powder into beverages vended from the device upon demand.

2. The method of Claim 1, wherein the step of agglomerating includes the step of pasteurizing the natural liquid milk, evaporating the milk to approximately 40% to 50% solids, and converting the evaporated milk to an agglomerated powder.

3. The method of Claim 2, wherein the agglomerator includes a spray dryer in a first stage and a fluid bed dryer in a second stage.

4. A method of preparing a consumable beverage which includes a natural dairy beverage additive in powder soluble form, comprising the steps of:

agglomerating a natural dairy beverage into a natural dairy beverage additive powder;

15 combining, in an automated vending machine, the additive powder with cocoa powder, sugar and water; and

heating, in the automated vending machine, the combined dairy beverage powder, cocoa powder, sugar and water.

5. A method of preparing a consumable beverage containing a natural dairy beverage

20 additive, comprising the steps of:

agglomerating a natural dairy beverage into a natural dairy beverage additive powder;

combining, in an automated vending machine, the additive powder with ground coffee and water;

whipping, using the vending machine, the combined additive powder, ground coffee, and water; and

5 heating, using the vending machine, the mixture of ground coffee, powder and water to make a cappuccino beverage.

6. A method of preparing a consumable beverage includes a natural dairy additive, comprising the steps of:

agglomerating a natural dairy beverage into a natural dairy beverage additive powder;

10 combining the additive powder with cocoa powder and sugar;

placing the combined powders in a vending machine; and

mixing the combined powders with water, upon demand in the automated vending machine.

7. A method of preparing a consumable beverage which includes a natural dairy additive,

15 comprising the steps of:

agglomerating a natural dairy beverage into a natural dairy beverage additive powder;

combining the additive powder with instantized coffee powder;

placing the combined powders in a vending machine; and

combining the powders with water in the vending machine resulting in a cappuccino

20 beverage.

8. A method of preparing a consumable beverage which includes a natural dairy additive, comprising the steps of:

agglomerating a natural dairy beverage into a natural dairy beverage additive powder; combining the additive powder with cocoa powder; placing the combined powders into a consumer package.

9. A method of preparing a consumable dairy beverage into a natural dairy beverage

5 additive, comprising the steps of:

agglomerating a natural dairy beverage into a natural diary beverage additive powder; combining the additive powder with ground coffee; and placing the combined powders into a consumer package.

10. A method of preparing a dairy beverage which includes a natural dairy beverage

additive, comprising the steps of:

agglomerating liquid natural milk into a natural dairy beverage additive powder; and placing the powder into a device which vends beverages.

11. A method of preparing a consumable beverage which includes a natural dairy beverage

additive in powder soluble form, comprising the steps of:

15 agglomerating liquid powdered milk and milk caseinates to form a natural dairy creamer; and

packaging the agglomerated natural dairy powder in single serving or bulk packaging to be directly mixed in a hot beverage as an alternative additive to non-dairy creamers or fluid milk.